

March 27, 1931.

Mr. Wm. Case,
County Clerk,
Duchesne, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: UINTAH DIST.

I have your letter of March 25 with reference to the appointment of water commissioner and would say that for the last ten days negotiations have been carried on between an executive committee representing a large number of water users and the officials of the Indian Service looking towards appointment of a commissioner by this office to take over the duties performed by the former Federal Court Commissioner. I understand that definite results may be expected within the next few days and that I shall appoint such commissioner.

I note your recommendation of Mr. Sheley and regret to advise you that his activities in connection with securing a railroad are very liable to stand in the way of his recommendation by the Indian Service. It is the general rule for water commissioners to devote their entire time to their duties as such while receiving compensation as commissioner although there is no reason why, at other times, the commissioner should not interest himself in such matters as he sees fit.

Yours very truly,

State Engineer.

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